

MINERALS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

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Official Designation

Minerals Management Advisory Board.

Scope and Objectives

This Board will give advice to the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the Minerals Management Service, and other officers of the Department of the Interior. We seek advice on discretionary functions of the following laws:

- Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 et. seq.),
- Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C. 1701 et. seq.) (1996),
- Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-185),
- Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1001 et. seq.),
- Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et. seq.),
- Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands (30 U.S.C. 351 et. seq.), and
- Mineral Leasing Laws for Indian Land.

We seek advice from the collective views of:

- States
- Indians
- Environmental interests
- Industry
- Other parties

The discretionary functions include issues related to leasing, exploration, development, and protection of the Outer Continental Shelf, and royalty management of Federal and Indian leases and agreements for oil, natural gas, coal and other solid minerals. The Board is composed of three Committees:

- The OCS Policy Committee
- The Royalty Policy Committee
- The OCS Scientific Committee

Duration and Termination

The Board is required for the duration of the OCS resource development program and as long as the Minerals Revenue Management Program requires the expertise and input provided by the Board. It will, however, terminate 2 years from the date this charter is filed, unless we renew it prior to that date to comply with section 14(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Official to Whom the Board Reports

The Secretary of the Interior.

Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support

The Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service.

Estimated Annual Operating Costs

The Board is expected to cost \$241,500 and require approximately 4 work years of Federal employee support annually.

Description of Duties

The Board is solely advisory. A description of each Committee is contained in Attachments I, II, and III.

Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings

The Board will meet at the request of the Secretary. The Committees will meet as described in Attachments I, II, and III.

Board Membership

All Committee members are Board members. The OCS Policy Committee officers are the officers of the Board. The Designated Federal Officer of the OCS Policy Committee is the Designated Federal Officer of the Board.

Subcommittees

Committees may establish subcommittees to advise or report to the parent committee. Subcommittees may include people who are not members of the parent committee. Each Committee's chair will appoint subcommittee members.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from each Board meeting are available from the Minerals Management Service, 1849 C Street, N.W., Mail Stop 4230, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Internet Homepage

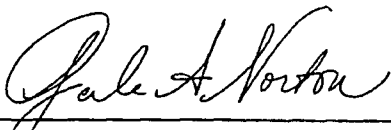
Information on the Board and links to the Committees may be found on MMS's Internet site, www.mms.gov.

Authority

We have determined that the Board is in the public interest in connection with duties of the Department of the Interior. We have authority for these duties under the:

- OCS Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 et. seq.),
- Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C. 1701 et. seq.) (1996),
- Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-185),
- Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 1001 et. seq.),
- Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et. seq.),
- Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands (30 U.S.C. 351 et. seq.), and
- Mineral Leasing Laws for Indian Land.

Board activities will be governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), as amended, and implementing regulations.



Secretary of the Interior

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Date Signed

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Date Filed

OCS Policy Committee

Function

The OCS Policy Committee will give advice related to discretionary functions of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, representing the collective viewpoint of coastal states, environmental interests, industry, and other parties to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the Minerals Management Service. These functions include all aspects of leasing, exploration, development and protection of OCS resources.

Membership

There are three categories of members on this Committee. All members may designate alternates to attend Committee meetings in their place.

State Members

The Governor of each coastal state, and Pennsylvania, may nominate for appointment by the Secretary one policy level person to serve as a member of the Committee. The Secretary may appoint the nominee to the Committee or request that the Governor designate another nominee. Each state member will serve until the member resigns or is removed by the Governor of the state the member represents. If a state vacancy occurs, the Governor of the state in which there is a vacancy may nominate another person to serve on the Committee. A coastal state is any state bordering on the Atlantic, the Pacific, the Gulf of Mexico, or the Long Island Sound.

Discretionary Members

The Secretary may appoint up to 12 members from the private and public sector to serve 2-year terms on the Committee. Members may be reappointed to serve additional 2-year terms. Appointments are to balance the Committee in terms of background, constituency, points of view, and function.

Federal, Ex Officio Members

The head person of each of the following organizations will appoint one policy level person to serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Committee:

- Department of Commerce
- Department of Defense
- Department of Energy
- Department of State

- Department of Transportation
- Environmental Protection Agency

Each Federal, ex officio member will serve until the member resigns or is removed by the Federal agency that appointed the member. If a Federal ex officio vacancy occurs, another person may be appointed by the agency to serve on the Committee.

The following officers of the Department of the Interior, or their designee, are nonvoting ex officio members of the Committee:

- Assistant Secretary - Land and Minerals Management
- Assistant Secretary - Fish and Wildlife and Parks
- Director, Minerals Management Service

Officers

The Committee will elect from its membership a Chair and Vice Chair to serve 2-year terms. The Director, Minerals Management Service, or designee will serve as the Designated Federal Officer, provide the services of an Executive Secretary, and attend all meetings.

Official to Whom the Committee Reports

The Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the Minerals Management Service.

Office Responsible for Providing Necessary Support

The Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service.

Subcommittees

The Committee may establish subcommittees to study issues in-depth and to develop recommendations for consideration by the full Committee. Membership will be balanced in terms of points of view, subcommittee function, and expertise required by the subcommittee. Subcommittees may include people who are not members of the Committee. The Committee Chair will appoint subcommittee members.

Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings

The Committee will meet at least twice a year. Other meetings may be called at the request of a majority of the Committee members.

Travel Expenses

Each state and discretionary member, or alternate member, will be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred when attending Committee meetings in accordance with Federal travel regulations as implemented by the Department of the Interior.

Estimated Operating Costs

We estimate that the activities of the OCS Policy Committee will require an estimated \$97,500 and 2 work years of Federal employee support annually.

Meeting Minutes

Detailed minutes of each Committee meeting, recommendations made, and copies of all studies and reports received, issued, or approved in conjunction with the activities of the Committee will be available for public inspection at the following location:

Department of the Interior
Minerals Management Service
381 Elden Street, Mail Stop 4001
Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817

Royalty Policy Committee

Function

The Royalty Policy Committee will give advice related to the performance of discretionary functions involved in the Department's management of Federal and Indian mineral leases and revenues representing the collective viewpoint of the states, Indians, and other parties to the Secretary of the Interior through the Minerals Management Service. The Committee will review and comment on revenue management and other mineral-related policies and provide a sounding board to convey views representative of mineral lessees, operators, revenue payors, recipients, governmental agencies and the interested public.

Membership

There are four categories of members on this Committee. The Secretary will appoint non-Federal members to the Committee to serve up to 2-year terms. Members may be appointed to serve additional terms. All members may designate alternates to attend Committee meetings in their place. An appointment to the Committee may be revoked if a member or a designated alternate fails to attend two consecutive meetings.

State and Indian Members

The Secretary may appoint up to 12 members from nominations from the following sources:

- Western Governors' Association,
- Western States Lands Commissioners,
- Governors of States receiving significant amounts of shared Federal onshore and/or offshore revenues,
- Indian tribal governments,
- Associations with allottees receiving significant amounts of mineral revenues, and
- Other organizations representing Indian interests.

Minerals Industry Members

The Secretary may appoint up to nine members from the following sources:

- Mineral revenue payors
- Organizations representing the interests of the mineral industry
- Self-nominations from interested persons with industry expertise

Discretionary Members

The Secretary may appoint up to four members from the public and private sectors to serve 2-year terms on the Committee. Appointments are to balance the Committee in terms of background, constituency, points of view, function and may possess knowledge of the mineral and energy industry.

Federal Members

The following officials, or their designee, are nonvoting ex officio members of the Committee:

- Secretary, Department of the Treasury
- Secretary, Department of Energy
- Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs
- Director, Bureau of Land Management
- Director, Minerals Management Service
- Associate Director, Minerals Revenue Management

Officers

The Committee will elect from its membership a Chair, Vice Chair, and Parliamentarian to serve 2-year terms. The Associate Director for the Minerals Revenue Management Program, or designee, will serve as the Designated Federal Officer, and the Executive Secretary, and attend all meetings.

Official to Whom the Committee Reports

The Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the Minerals Management Service.

Office Responsible for Providing Necessary Support

The Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service.

Subcommittees

The Committee may establish subcommittees to study issues in-depth and to develop recommendations for consideration by the full Committee. Membership will be balanced in terms of points of view, function to be performed and expertise required by the subcommittee. Subcommittees may include people who are not members of the Committee. The Committee Chair will appoint subcommittee members.

Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings

The Committee will meet at the request of the Director. Subcommittees will meet as necessary to accomplish their assignments.

Travel Expenses

Each non-Federal member, or alternate, will be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred when attending Committee meetings in accordance with Federal travel regulations as implemented by the Department of the Interior.

Estimated Operating Costs

We estimate that the activities of the Committee will require an estimated \$100,000 and one work year of Federal employee support annually.

Meeting Minutes

Detailed minutes of each meeting, recommendations made, and copies of all studies and reports received, issued, or approved in conjunction with the activities of the Committee will be available for public inspection at the following location:

Department of the Interior
Minerals Management Service
Minerals Revenue Management
Denver Federal Center
Building 85
Denver, Colorado 80215

OCS Scientific Committee

Function

The OCS Scientific Committee will give advice on the feasibility, appropriateness, and scientific value of the Outer Continental Shelf Environmental Studies Program to the Director, Minerals Management Service. The Committee will review the relevance of the research and data being produced to meet MMS scientific information needs for decision making and may recommend changes in scope, direction and emphasis.

Membership

The Secretary may appoint between 10 and 15 members for 2-year terms. Members may serve three consecutive terms. After a 2-year break in service, a member may be reappointed to serve additional terms. If necessary and with the approval of the Director, MMS, a member may serve until a replacement is appointed.

Appointments will be made to balance the Committee in terms of technical skills and geographic representation. Members will be appointed to the Committee based on the following criteria:

- Scientific competence,
- Reputation within their field of expertise, and
- Ability to represent important elements of the MMS's research and science information efforts.

In addition, the Secretary may appoint one discretionary member to serve a 2-year term on the Committee. This discretionary member may be reappointed for additional 2-year terms and is not limited to the number of consecutive terms served. This appointment will be based on the member's scientific eminence as evidenced by national and international awards for professional excellence, induction to prestigious professional academies or societies and other highly meritorious recognition for scholarship and research, as well as distinguished prior service to the Committee.

Officers

Committee Officers

The Committee will elect a Chair and Vice Chair from its membership to serve 2-year terms.

Federal Officers

The following MMS individuals will serve as ex officio, nonvoting participants on the Committee:

- Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management is the Executive Director
- Chief, Environmental Division is the Executive Secretary
- Chief Scientist is the MMS Science Liaison to the Committee

Official to Whom the Committee Reports

The Director, Minerals Management Service. The Director or designee will serve as the Designated Federal Officer.

Office Responsible for Providing Necessary Support

The Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service.

Subcommittees

The Committee may establish subcommittees to study issues in-depth and to develop recommendations for consideration by the full Committee. Membership will be balanced in terms of points of view, subcommittee function, and expertise required by the subcommittee. Subcommittees may include people who are not members of the Committee. The Committee Chair will appoint subcommittee members.

Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings

The Committee will meet once a year.

Travel Expenses

Each member will be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred when attending Committee meetings in accordance with Federal travel regulations as implemented by the Department of the Interior.

Estimated Operating Costs

We estimate that the activities of the Committee will require an estimated \$44,000 and one work year of Federal employee support annually.

Meeting Minutes

Detailed minutes of each Committee meeting, recommendations made, and copies of all studies and reports received, issued, or approved in conjunction with the activities of the Committee will be available for public inspection at the following location:

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